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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 B/D

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S. citizens received in Cyprus as of 1800 L July 25 was 11,030. 8,142 had departed by 1800L on July 25, and commercial charter flights continue. At 1800L, there were 250 people at the Fairgrounds, and none remaining in U.S. government-sponsored hotels. End summary.

CONSULAR

[1](#)2. (C) The following are consular updates:

--Accounting of U.S. citizens who have arrived in Cyprus as of 1800(L) July 25:

11 via helicopter July 16
62 via helicopter and ship July 17
37 via French-chartered ship July 18
104 via helicopter July 18
138 via Hoegh Norwegian ship July 19
4 via Greek military ship July 19
160 via helicopter (Beirut Air Bridge - BAB) July 19
3 via HMS York July 19
3 via Crete II July 19
1054 via MV Orient Queen July 20
3 via HMS Gloucester July 20
27 via UN Serenade & IREA Petra July 20
187 via helicopter (BAB) July 20
100 via UN ship Serenade July 21
1054 via USS Nashville July 21
790 via Orient Queen July 21
241 via helicopter (BAB) July 21
1803 via USS Trenton July 22
27 via Greek Ikaria July 22
21 via MV Akioni July 22
1050 via USS Nashville July 22

815 via Ramah July 22
39 via helicopter 2108 July 22
1005 via USS Whidbey July 23
983 via Orient Queen July 23
38 via helicopter July 23
529 via USS Nashville July 24
26 via helicopter July 24
574 via Orient Queen July 24
3 via Princess Marissa July 25
7 via helicopter July 25
129 via Ramah July 25
5 via helicopter July 25

TOTAL: 11,030

--The Vittoria M is now expected to arrive at 1830L July 25 with 284 U.S. citizens. Post expects to move all of these passengers directly to the Paphos airport.

--A total of 8,142 U.S. citizens had departed Cyprus on U.S. charter and military flights as of 1800L July 25. The last ship leaving Beirut is scheduled for July 26; post expects commercial charter flights will continue on July 26 and 27.

--We estimate there were approximately 250 evacuees (undocumented humanitarian cases and their relatives) at the Fairgrounds by 1800L. None remain in U.S.-sponsored hotels.

--CONS is considering rotating its officers with those at Embassy Beirut.

MANAGEMENT

¶3. (C) The following are management updates:

--MGT is preparing plan to move U.S. citizens who arrive after the last ship on July 26 to local hotels on an as-needed basis. Undocumented third-country nationals have been given Cypriot visas for five days. We continue to prepare an exit strategy from the Fairgrounds tentatively for on or about July 28, at which time we will hand over the facility to Cypriot Civil Defense.

--Post is evaluating TDY staff coverage through August 3 to ensure adequate coverage in case of another wave of U.S. arrivals. MGT is also considering creating an EFM position to process new arrivals on an ad hoc basis.

--MGT and DAO are preparing a strategy for diplomatic pouch transport to Beirut via the Beirut Air Bridge (BAB).

SECURITY

¶4. (C) Transport Security Administration officers are reducing their presence but will remain in Cyprus through Sunday, July 30. They are consulting with ECON/EXBS about the possibility of donating WMD screening equipment to Cypriot Civil Aviation.

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